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Police Activities League of Austin boxers place in the State Junior Olympics Tournament

The Police Activities League of Austin, a community outreach program initiated by Chief of Police Art Acevedo in 2007, sent five boxers to the Region 8 Junior Olympics in Kingsville, Texas. The boxers brought home 4 gold medals and one silver medal.

Jon Baladez, Francisco Martinez Jr. and Ruben De La Rosa have qualified to represent Austin in the Texas State Junior Olympics Tournament in El Paso, Texas, May 21, 2010 through May 23, 2010.

The Austin Police Activities League is designed to support at-risk youth in our community by offering these children a safe place to gather and enjoy educational and social benefits, as well as athletic opportunities. The goal of PAL is to prevent and combat juvenile delinquency and to promote and improve the moral and civic standards of youth.

Results from the Region 8 Junior Olympics:

4/16/2010

Bout #17: Austin PAL's Francisco Martinez Jr. a 14 year old intermediate boxer in the 125 lb weight class defeated Jesus Esparza Jr. from Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation.

Bout #24: Austin PAL's Jon Baladez a 16 year old Senior boxer in the 125 lb weight class defeated Angel Cuevas from Fast Katz boxing club.

4/17/2010

Bout #19: Austin PAL's Jon Baladez a 16 year old Senior boxer in the 125 lb weight class defeated Jesse Duran from Ramos boxing club in San Antonio, TX.

4/18/2010 Finals

Bout #6: Austin PAL's Francisco Martinez Jr. a 14 year old intermediate boxer in the 125 lb weight class defeated Malik Reyes from Neighborhood boxing club to win the Region 8 boxing champion title.



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Bout #9: Austin PAL's Zachery Martinez Jr. a 15 year old senior boxer in the 110 lb weight class was defeated by Rogelio Garcia an independent boxer.

Bout #12: Austin PAL's boxer Jon Baladez a 16 year old senior boxer in the 125 lb weight class defeated Luis Zarazua an unattached boxer to win the Region 8 boxing champion title.

Bout #23: Austin PAL's Graham Martin a 12 year old junior boxer defeated Jacob Villarreal from Neighborhood boxing.

Austin PAL's Ruben De La Rosa a 16 year old senior boxer in the 189lb weight class won unopposed and advances to the State Tournament.

For more information on this and other Austin PAL programs visit their Web site at www.austinpolicpal.com or contact Senior Police Officer Phil Contatore at AustinPolicePal@gmail.com or 512-565-1910. PAL of Austin is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization.

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